

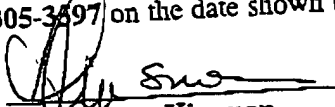


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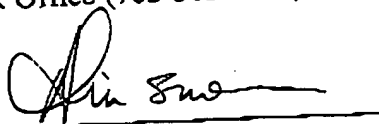
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ELECTION AND RESPONSE

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2002, requiring restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121.

ELECTION

The Examiner has alleged that claim 1 is generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct unit species, and has required Applicant to elect a single disclosed species.

Applicant elects to restrict the application to the species of Figures 24 and 25, with traverse. Figures 24 and 25 show two positions of the same embodiment. Applicant submits that claim 1 is generic to all the identified species. Claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are readable on the elected species.

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Applicant makes this election without prejudice to the right to later file divisional applications based on the non-elected subject matter.

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